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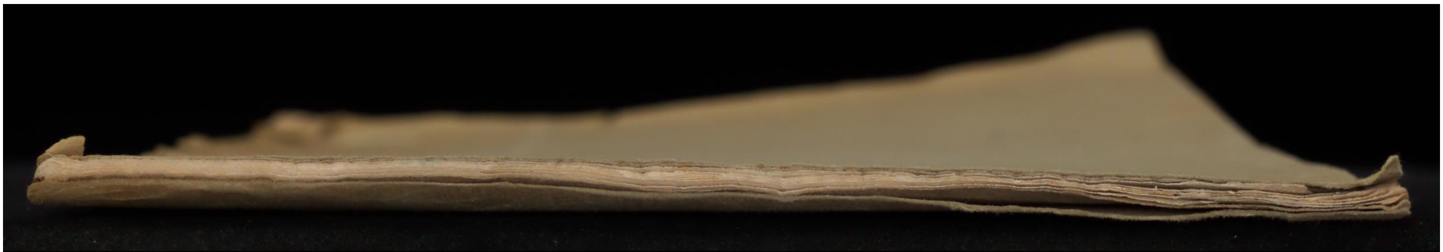


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HÆremus rurſum Batavi Belgæque. nec arma
Omnibus, aut pax alma placet. cupit ille cruentum
Fulminei Mavortis opus; cupit ille ſerena
Pace cruentatos mutari falcibus enſes.
Omnis in ancipiti patria eſt. pars utraq; donat
Votis verba ſuis, cauſaſque interjicit illis.
Hic Tarteſſiacæ grandes exaggerat aulæ
Et Siculi rectoris opes; & mobile cœcæ
Ingenium moreſque Deæ: quam neſciat uno
Mars alius conſtare loco: quam noſtra laborent
Et longo lachryment attrita æraria cenſu.
Alter fucatæ molimina ſubdola pacis,
Suppoſitoſque timet ſtudiis fallacibus hydros.
Nec Martem ceſſare cupit, dum Marte juvamur.
Dum diſſentit Iber. dum magnas inter habetur
Pauper opes; vario regalia caſtra vagantur
Principe. dum geminus nobis acciditur Indus.
Et promiſſa ſibi ſperat ſtipendia miles
Nequicquam. dum Finnus ovat, tot mœnibus Iſter
Exuitur, cunctiſque ruit victoria campis,
Ipſaque prudenti arrident Capitolia Gallo.

At

At vigil AVRIACVS, tantæ dum pondera molis
Conſcripti volvunt Patres, ſtat certus eundi
Quo belli fortuna vocat, quo claſſica totum
Invitant rapiuntque Ducem; nec fluctuat anceps.
Quippe animo patrius vigor incubat. otia neſcit
Mens cognata polo, ſolers inſtare labori,
Succeſſus urgere ſuos, captare nocendi
Tempora. Te, veteris domitor fortiſſime Galli,
Naſſovius virtute refert. ſe pectore in iſto
Impiger agnoſcit Macedo, gentiſq; Libyſſæ
Ductor Agenoreus. quibus ipſo à limine vitæ
Omnis ſub clypeis bellatrix tranſiit ætas.
Has animas vis major agit. ſublimior aura
Adflat ſemideos & rebus nata gerundis
Pectora, nec claras patitur ſegneſcere mentes.
Vna triumphatrix animoſi gloria lethi
Accendit vegetatque duces. non pulvere feſſos
Tardant Phœbæi radiis flagrantibus ignes,
Non revocant inſani imbres, cœlique ruinæ,
Non labor aut duris paupertas obvia caſtris.
Nil grave pugnanti eſt. dicas regnare potentes
Cum Iove, & adverſis animos opponere fatis.
Ver erat, & rigidam cœli clementia brumam
Truſerat in Tanain. jam Sol Ledæa tenebat
Sidera, vicino ſubducens lumina Tauro.
Arma capit Batavûm pubes, & plena furoris
Neptuni ſoboles alias exſurgit in iras,
Prælia ſemper amans & par cuicunque periclo.
Ingentiſque premens multum lacerata Philippi
Imperia, æternæ pulſat proſcenia famæ,
Et precium exactis geſtit conferre triumphis.
Tu, quæ ſæva jaces Vbiis contermina priſcis
BERCA, catenati prædatrix improba Rheni,
Poſceris, & forti quondam regnata Quirino

Auriacis audax opponis mœnia caſtris.
Stant turres, labor Auſonius, celſoque minantur
Vertice, defendunt terreſtres oppida clivi,
Et validæ cingunt dorſis immanibus arces.
In fluviis caſtella natant. prætenditur urbi
Non unum Mavortis opus, denſiſque ſuorum
Cingitur excubiis & crebro fulminat ictu.
Talis in hoſtilem ſublimis Aleſia Romam
Inconcuſſa ſtetit, tales pugnaſſe Platæas
Fama fuit, cum Sparta ſuum circumdaret agmen
Stipitibus. ſic Byrſa truces Didonia vallos
Obtendit Latio, pugnantem Thala Metellum
Detinuit, Mariumque ferox munimine Capſa.
At contra in bellum terræ dominantis alumni
Ibant, nec reditura omnis ſelecta juventus,
Quæ Martem inſcribit genti, atque inſigne ſuperbum
Armat terribiles in regum colla Leones.
Adſunt Battaviæ populi, validuſque Sicamber,
Et Moſæ potator, & inſuperabile bello
Æquoreum genus, & mediis habitator in undis;
Quique Caledonio ſe durus in æquore lavit
Scotus, & indutus gentilia lina Britannus,
Gallorumque manus, braccataque corpora Rhæti,
Et Gradivicolis Germanus miſſus ab oris.
Stat ſonipes, campoſque novis hinnitibus implet,
Atque jubatorum phaleras diſſolvit equorum
Acer eques; nec jam curat ſubſtringere loro
Manantes cervice jubas, vel ephippia poſcit
Auratis diſtincta notis. ſpumantia frenis
Ora placent, crudique feris calcaribus armi,
Et galeæ minitantis apex, & miſſile telum,
Et mox abdendi jugulis crudelibus enſes;
Sic Pænum inceſſiſſe putem, cum cincta doleret
Excelſo quondam conſurgens colle Sagunthus.

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Quam circum Libyæ populi & ſtipata premebant
Agmina,& incaſſum dives vallabat Iberus,
Magnanimam claudens ſinuatis flexibus urbem.
Ipſa ſuis animoſa malis, patribuſque Latinis
Infelix fidei cuſtos, dum ſigna manuſque
Expectat ſocias, ſiccatas ſanguine venas
Vrit & æternis arſit victura favillis.
Inſtant audaces Belgæ, foſſiſque viiſque
Adrepunt taciti. terrarum involvitur ordo,
Et mutant elementa vices, dum tramite flexo
Abdita bellaces ſternunt veſtigia talpæ.
Occubuere duces ferro, queis præmia belli
Invidit fati rabies. quæ proxima laudi
It via, fit letho propior. fiducia greſſum
Promovet ulterius, perferre facillima mortem,
Et ſecura rogi, quoties audacia pulchris
Nititur officiis; patriæque ferocia cauſam
Promovet & fines intra pugnatur honeſti.
Audiit inſolitum belli ſub gurgite murmur
Rhenus, & attonitum vitreis caput extulit undis.
Illi de ſummo pendens barba hiſpida mento
Horrebat, bifidoque fluens diviſa meatu,
Canitie veneranda fuit. mox totus aquoſis
Cinctus arundinibus,muſcoque revinctus & alga,
Vt vidit poſitis pugnam incrudeſcere caſtris,
Alternoque virûm penſari damna cruore,
Sub pedibus trepidare ſolum, nigrantibus aſtra
Vorticibus flammiſque tegi,ſemiuſta cadentum
Corpora protenſis ſocios portare ſub haſtis;
Hæc inter miſeranda ducum certamina, voces
AVRIACO PATRIÆQVE ſenex infrenduit iſtas:
Maxime Tarteſſi domitor, quo vindice rerum
Ipſa ſibi tandem poſſit Bellona timere;
Diſcant Scipiades, diſcant producere vallos

Iuliadæ

Iuliadæ Druſique, meo celebrata profundo
Nomina: qua valido fregiſti robora Moſæ,
Hos muros ſubverte manu, portaſque feroces
Armis rumpe tuis. en propugnacula nutant,
Iamque omen fecere Dii. locus iſte propinquo
Incubat imperio, & toties mea flumina ſævis
Iuſſibus, & fœtas inimica coercuit alnos.
Illa per extremos miſſis prædonibus ivit
Marſacios, vinxitque tuum pater Iſala civem.
Bructerus hanc Saliique procul timuere, nec uſquam
Per mea ſecurus perrexit rura viator.
Imprecor arma armis. damnant te, Berca, ruinâ
Vltores ſuperi. vultus tibi torva cruentos
Eumenis obvertit, totamque à ſedibus urbem
Convellit, crebriſque aperit tua mœnia telis.
Huic agedum ſuccumbe Duci. quæ ſæpe tot hoſtes,
Tot circum poſitas ſenſiſti obſeſſa phalanges,
Conciliare mihi. memini, cum Cantaber illâ
Victor ſtaret humo; memini, cum victus Iberus
Cederet. atque iterum captas conſcenderet arces
Impavidus Ligur. in partes nunc ſcriberis iſtas,
Nunc alias. magnis Ducibus ſervaris arena,
Nec conſtas vincenda tibi. poſſeſſor in orbem
Commeat, inque vices alternant numina faſces.
Non equidem Divûm titulis cœleſtibus horrens
Eugeniæ tibi Foſſa poteſt præbere ſalutem.
Naſſovio pars una patet, qua Venloa regis
Dedidicit jam juſſa ſui. latus, ecce, laborat
Oppoſitum. ceſſa nobis Hiſpane, minari;
Vicinumque meo confundere flumine flumen,
Et miſcere Deos. iſto luſiſtis in Iſthmo
Incautæ mentes, & toti fabula mundo
Facta eſt ſedulitas intempeſtiva nocendi.
Quot longè caſtella jacent, tumulique minaces,

Et cuſtoditæ profugo jam milite glebæ,
Accedunt ſpoliis. fruitur foſſore Philippo
Naſſovius, valloſque tenet, quos fecerat alter.
Iamdudum armatæ gentes & claſſica regnis
Inſonuere meis. Nemetum diffuſa per agros
Ipſa Palatinis Hiſpania collibus atrox
Conſedit, fuſoque alibi rubuere cruore
Vangiones. priſcis veneranda Moguntia ſacris
Iraſci ſibi poſſe Deos & numina ſenſit.
At nunc tranquillæ currunt manſuetius undæ,
Atque alius paſſim rerum mihi naſcitur ordo.
Accepit dominum Nicer, & Cantabrica fregit
Vltrici vexilla manu; Sueonumque ſub armis
Maurorum ceſſit ſoboles, ac reddita Phœbo
Extorres ad ſe vocat Heidelberga Camænas.
Tu quoque, qui nobis animos, lauroſque, decuſque
Reſtituis, FREDERICE, cui Mavortia ſemper
Indomito vis igne calet, quem fama per altas
Cælicolum vectat ſedes, rebuſque ſecundis
Involvit Superum favor: hanc quam cingimus urbem
Disjice, & hos reliquis titulos intexe trophæis.
Sic tibi pacato decurret flumine Moſa,
Et Vahalis, mea progenies. ſic, hoſte remoto,
Continuas Vbiis Belgarum regna vetuſtis.
At vos belligeræ, quibus inter tela globoſque
Contigit oppetere, & pulchra ſuccumbere morte,
Ite, decus terrarum, animæ; campoſque ten ete,
Elyſios, placidaſque domos habitate piorum.
Illic & Decios inter, forteſque Camillos
Tercentum immixti Fabiis errate, creberque
Manibus occurſet Paulus. conjungite dextras
Miltiadi, & coram magni Philopæmenis ora
Et Nicias ſpectate, & quotquot Roma cadentes
Vidit, & aſſertæ civili ſanguine Thebæ.

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Per vos nudatis Libertas tracta capillis
Oſtentat generoſa caput. Reſpublica veſtra
Stat defenſa manu, veſtris aſſerta lacertis
Incumbit tumulis lachrymans, teſtataque Divos
Spondet perpetuæ flagrantem lampada famæ.
Hoc aliquis certè patriis projectus ab oris
Optabit cecidiſſe loco; fixiſſe trophæum,
Alter ubi Æacidæ telo jacet Hector, & alter
Sarpedon, ubi tot noſtris demerſa ſub undis
Extremos repetunt ſpirantia corpora Catthos,
Aut Flevi ſorbentur aquis, vel in æquora tendunt,
Helia qua laxos expendunt oſtia fluctus.
Queis vero belli melior fortuna pepercit,
Audite ô gentes. belli cognoſcite cauſas,
Nec ſceleri donate manus. vos commoda recto,
Non lucris poſtferte fidem. terrore modeſto
Frangite præcipites animos, animiſque morantes
Caſtigate metus. à clara pauperis umbra
Diſcite Fabritii patriam defendere gratis,
Et Curii laudare dapes. adverſa Sicinnî
Vulnera degeneris doceant contemnere pugnæ
Opprobrium. vindex fugientes occupat enſis,
Stantibus avertit virtus. hæc ſæpè probatur,
Cum tacet, & vanæ neſcit ſpiramina linguæ.
Diſcite juſtitiam, & ſtrictis inſiſtite juſſis
Imperiiſque Ducum. victis compeſcite dextras
Hoſtibus & tutæ ne ſpernite federa pacis.
Diſpliceat promiſſor Iber. tunc credite lenem,
Cum moritur; tunc eſſe bonum, cum poſſe nocere
Neſciet; & facilem vobis, cum ſuccubat armis.
Hoc Batavus ſociique monent, quos legibus æquis
Iunxit inabrupta concordia longa catena.

Vix ea dicta dedit, Rhenus, rigidumque ſub alveo
Abdidit os, cum BERCA ſui terrore pericli

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Fracta ſtetit, ſpectanſque opera interrupta, minaſque
Murorum ingentes, & collucentia flammis
Oppida, ſurreptas cœptis audacibus arces,
Heſperiaſque alia nugari parte phalanges;
Annuit Auriaco, & dominos venerata potentes
Naſcentem auſpiciis felicibus inchoat annum.

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